

THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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A Word from Pastor Jon



I wish I would have...

We are entering into the month of November. Have you noticed how many places already have Christmas items out and at the time of this writing, we haven't even purchased our Halloween candy? Perhaps you are like me and you're asking where the time has gone.

I know that I was looking forward to taking some fall pictures with my daughter but I didn't make that happen. There seems to be so much in my schedule that some of the most important things seem to get pushed to the back burner. The best things get pushed aside by the pressing things that fill so much of our lives. To confess, I have said more than a few times, "I wish I would have..." Haven't you?

Our churches have been through a lot this year with many things to celebrate and some that have broken our hearts. But the decision is still ours about what we will do with our time and our lives. As we approach Thanksgiving, I look forward to spending time with my family, to hold them close. For none of us really knows what tomorrow will bring. I want to start reducing the times I say "I wish I would have..." Don't you?

The Apostle Paul in writing to young Timothy shared that he knew his departure was at hand and he went on to say, "I have fought the good fight and I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." When I read these words from 2 Timothy 4:6-7 I realize that Paul has redeemed his time. From the time of his conversion to Christ, Paul has changed his focus to the most important things. This has given him peace with where he finds himself in life. That's my prayer for my family and for you as well. Let's seek to be true to the most important things and trust God to help the other things in our lives to fall into their proper place. No better time to start than Thanksgiving. With God's help maybe we all can say, "I wish I would have..." a little less often.

God bless you and your family this Thanksgiving,

Pastor Jon

Parish News...

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

Winter is fast approaching and it's time for us to be reminded how we will communicate to you when inclement



weather forces us to cancel or delay our Sunday worship service and classes, we will post such notice in the following locations:

- KCRG TV Channel 9
- KCRG TV Web Site - <http://www.kcrg.com/cancellations>
- WMT Radio
- Church Web sites (www.alburnettumc.org or www.prairiechapelmarion.org)

Prairie Chapel will also post cancellations on their Facebook page

These notices will be made by 8:00AM Sunday morning. If no such notice appears by this time, then you should assume we are having worship as planned. This decision will consider road conditions, access to our worship site, and whether power & heat is available. Of course, we also want to encourage everyone to make good, safe decisions regardless of whether we cancel the worship service or not.



NOVEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS	
November 1, 2016 All Saints Day	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31
November 6, 2016 25th Sunday after Pentecost	Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38
November 13, 2016 26th Sun after Pentecost	Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
November 20, 2016 Christ the King/Reign of Christ	Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
November 24, 2016 Thanksgiving Day	Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35
November 27, 2016 1st Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY IS NOVEMBER 27, 2016



Across the country, the people of The United Methodist Church are serving the people God loves in Jesus' name. We're doing it at home, but so often we'd like to do more. We want to serve those in other places who are suffering. We want to offer spiritual words of hope and life. And we want to be well-equipped to do both!

But the reality for most of us is that our responsibilities—home, family, work—don't allow us to engage with every need we'd like to meet.

Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are support these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

What no one person or congregation can do alone, we're doing together.

Nurturing Christian Leaders Like Ricky Blue: The son of two addicted parents, Ricky Blue had grown up without much hope for a future. But when Ricky's church family—Louisiana's Luling UMC—raised \$4000 for Ricky to begin college, hope was born. Then, the Gift of Hope Scholarship, made possible only by your generous giving to United Methodist Student Day, allowed Ricky to continue. Today Ricky is a certified candidate for ministry in the Illinois-Great Rivers Annual Conference.

What no one person can do, we're doing together.

Together We're Raising Up Gifted Christian Leaders

When you support United Methodist Student Day, you make it possible for more students like Ricky to serve the world God loves. So although you can't meet every need you'd like to, your giving allows members of Christ's body, people like Ricky, to do it in Jesus' name.

Will you give to United Methodist Student Day?



Daylight Saving Time ends November 6, 2016. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour before you turn in Saturday night!!

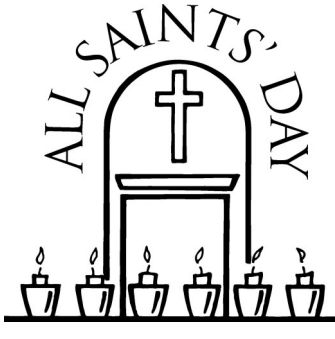
ARE YOU HEADED SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?

Please let us know your winter address, so we can keep sending you the newsletter! Before you leave, fill out the back of a prayer card, drop a note to the office or leave a message or email. Thanks!!

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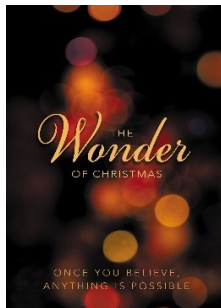
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Newsletter Deadline for December 2016	
<u>Newsletter Articles due in Office</u>	Tuesday, November 15
<u>Newsletter Folding Party</u>	Tuesday, November 22



All Saints Day On Sunday, November 6, 2016, during our Morning services, we will be celebrating All Saints Day. This is an occasion to remember those in the Christian faith who have died in the Lord. During worship we will be remembering those of our congregation who have died since All Saints Day 2015. Please plan on joining us in worship and remembrance.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: The Hanging of the Greens is a time of preparation done just before the first Sunday in Advent. It is based on the English tradition of decorating the home with wreaths, garlands, a Christmas tree, and evergreens for Advent and Christmas. In our church setting, it readies the sanctuary (and church family) for the season of Advent and Christmas. Please join us for the *Hanging of the Greens* immediately after the service on November 20th at both churches.



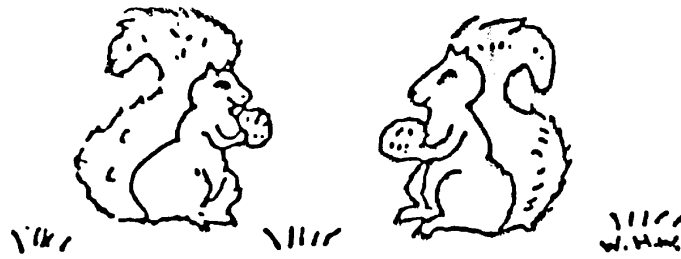
REDISCOVER THE TRUE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS

Would you like to experience the wonder of Christmas as never before? The new Advent program, *The Wonder of Christmas*, will lead us in exploring four elements of the Christmas story that teach us about the wonder of God's great love for us:

- a star a manger
- a name a promise

As we look to these wonder-filled aspects of the Christmas story, we will rediscover that the true wonder of Christmas is found in the love of Christ and made real in our hearts when we share that love with others. It all starts on Sunday November 27th.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH? I would love to talk with you about Church Membership. If you would like to learn more about church membership and what it means to be a member, please let me know or call the church office, leave your name, contact information, and say "I'm interested in membership" and we'll take it from there! ~Pastor Jon



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FINANCIAL FACTS

Fact: 2013 Expenses Budget: \$70,362
Fact: \$5,863.50 needed per Month for Expenses
Fact: \$1,353 needed per Week for Expenses

Contributions		Attendance	
10/2	\$1024.00	10/2	46
10/9	\$972.00	10/9	45
10/16	\$715.00	10/16	101
10/23	\$526.00	10/23	44
10/30	n/a	10/30	n/a

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Thanks to Cooper, Brayden, Bailey, Sydney, Riley the garden has been cleaned off with the final harvest of kale, squash, and watermelon.

Fall Sunday school has been having an average of 18 children on Sundays. Lessons consist of learning books of Bible, 10 commandments and stories of Jesus. Singing doxology, Lord's Prayer, sharing and crafts fills each Sunday.

The B-I-B-L-E, yes that's the book for me! Parents: want to find passages in the Bible that reflects our children's everyday life? Spend at least 15 minutes a day and look up passages for discussion on these subjects

Confidence:

2 Kings 18: 5-6
Proverbs 3: 26
Acts 5: 19-32

Courage:

Exodus 6: 9
Esther: 4: 14-16
Daniel 3:17

Friendship:

Exodus 33: 11
Ruth 1: 6-22
1 Samuel 18: 1-4

Blessings...

~Education Committee

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 KARRYL ANDERSON
- 4 JUSTICE CALLAHAN
- 5 BRIE SPERFSLAGE
- 6 ROBERTA ALTES
- 6 BETTY WRIGHT
- 9 BRETT HOUTS
- 10 TRICIA REDIG
- 11 BILLIE JO QUAAS
- 11 TAYLER ETZEL
- 12 KERRI SLOAN
- 13 DAVID KIRK
- 15 MICHAEL HENLE



- 16 LUCY STEVENSON
- 17 PAM MARTIN
- 17 TERI JOHNSON
- 22 PAM KIRK
- 24 BEV LAWRENCE
- 25 TANNER SLOAN
- 27 AVERY REED
- 30 ROGER ALTES

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 DAVE & MARILYN HART

If your special day is not listed here, please contact Virginia Lyttle at the church office.

NOVEMBER MISSIONS PROJECT

For the month of November, the Mission Committee will be collecting food for a local food bank. Below is a list of suggested items. Staples that the food bank can always use include:

- creamy peanut butter
- instant mashed potatoes
- canned tuna/chicken
- saltine crackers
- pancake mix
- diapers
- canned soup
- instant pudding
- macaroni &cheese
- cold box cereals
- toilet paper
- oatmeal
- canned fruit
- canned vegetables
- jello
- corn muffin mix
- bar soap

Monetary donations are also accepted and will be used to purchase Thank you again for your support to help those in need.

~The Missions Committee



November Communion Steward: Pam Kirk

NOVEMBER GREETERS

- 6 Ken & Shirley Andrews
- 13 Ardie & Carol Smith
- 20 Pam Kirk &
- 27 *Volunteers needed*

NOVEMBER USHERS

- 6 Dick & Judy Burns
- 13 Julie Hoover &
- 20 Ken Andrews & Ev Schilling
- 27 *Volunteers needed*

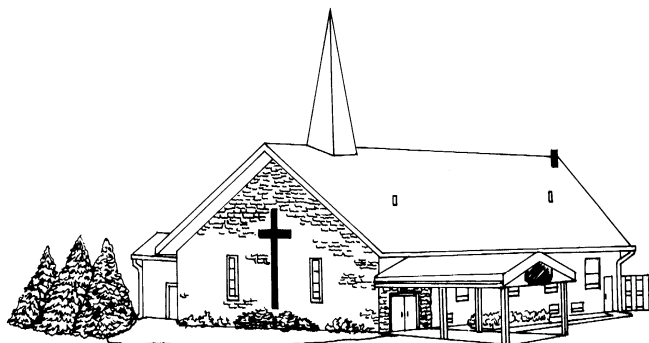
NOVEMBER BAKED GOODS

- 6 Nicole & Elise Smith
- 13 Shirley Andrews
- 20 Pam Kirk & Sydney
- 27 *Volunteers needed*

NOV. NURSERY ATTENDANTS

- 6
- 13
- 20
- 27 **Volunteers Needed**

Please add **your name** to the sign-up sheet at the church. 7



THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

Visit our Web Site at www.prairiechapelmarion.org

STEWARDSHIP

*When I became a member of Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church I promised to be faithful with my...***PRAYERS:** Pray for safety for farmers doing harvest work. Pray for those with health concerns, and the home-bound. Pray for those recovering from illness/surgery, and those undergoing treatments. Pray for peace.

PRESENCE:
Bring a Friend!!
Weekly Attendance:

9/25	\$2451.00
10/2	\$2138.00
10/9	\$936.50
10/16	\$1871.00
10/23	\$1514.00
10/30	n/a

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.
Weekly Offerings:

9/25	42
10/2	52
10/9	37
10/16	54
10/23	45
10/30	n/a

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to all who donated food and helped with the soup supper. It was a great success. Thanks to everyone who donated cash and items and worked to complete kits for the annual InGathering.

COMMUNITY CLUB will meet on Thursday, November 3 at 6:30PM at the church. Everyone is welcome for this monthly potluck supper. We have lots of conversation and laughs and would love for you to join us!. See you there!

PRAIRIE CHAPEL NEWS...

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Albert Martin
- 2 Teresa Seibert
- 5 Judy Kotrba
- 5 Kimberly Jordan
- 8 Chip Kohl
- 9 Olivia Nietert
- 9 Samantha Smith
- 11 Aiden Miles Clemens



- 11 Jennifer Thompson
- 12 Sue Zier
- 13 Nolan Nietert
- 17 Jeff Scott
- 18 Orv Banasik
- 23 Jack Walther

- 25 Preston Martin
- 25 Carrie Robertson
- 25 Reg Eberle
- 30 Trevor Coberly

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Norm & Dora Nielson
- 27 Darrell & Donna Timm

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NOVEMBER COMMUNION STEWARD—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED & SERVERS -



NOVEMBER USHERS/GREETERS

- 6 Andrea Brown & Rae Kinkead
- 13 Dale & Barb Garlinghouse
- 20 James & Judy Kotrba
- 27 *Volunteers needed*

NOVEMBER ACOLYTES

- 6 Lilly Bowman & Emily Ritze
- 13 Lilly Bowman &
- 20 Lilly Bowman & Blake Ritze
- 27 *Volunteers needed*

Please add **your name** to the sign-up sheet at the church.

THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING will be donated to CROP, which benefits hunger relief here in Linn County and around the world. We will also be collecting non-perishable groceries in the Cornucopia each Sunday, for the local food banks

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

In-Gathering Project Work Day: Nov 3 beginning at 9:30AM

INGATHERING NOV 5th @ Cedar Falls

MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 at 1:00PM

Program and Devotions: Maria Martin

Hostesses: Beth Martin & Carly Martin

Bring Your Thank Banks

Business Meeting

November Mission Project – Hats, gloves and mittens